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## Office Action Summary

**Application No.**

10/706,375

**Applicant(s)**

BRENNAN ET AL.

**Examiner**

Donald Loney

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### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 August 2007.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 19,20,22 and 23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 19,20,22 and 23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____                                      |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 19, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 01/11130 to Itou et al.

US Pat No. 6955847 is an English language equivalent to WO 01/11130 and the examiner will refer thereto. The examiner applied the WO document since it has an earlier publication date and is available as art under 35 USC 102(b). Itou et al teaches a spun-laced non-woven web comprising a pattern of valleys S and land area I wherein the valleys are interconnected in nature. See figure 1 along with column 4, lines 23-33. The web is made of fibers having a length of 30-300mm (see column 4, lines 30-33). With regards to the thickness limitation of the web  $T_m$  since no specific thickness is recited Itou et al would meet this limitation. Only a relative thickness in relation to the screen height is recited which does not distinguish from the prior art. With regards to claim 19, see column 3, lines 38-45 and column 4, lines 7-10. With regards to claim 23, see figures 1 and 2 along with column 1, lines 47-62.

3. Claims 19, 20, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by EP 1209271 to Taneichi et al.

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Taneichi et al teaches a spun-laced non-woven web 1 comprising a pattern of valleys 3 and land area 1 wherein the valleys are interconnected in nature. See figure 2 along with paragraphs [0032]-[0049]. The web is made of fibers having a length of 51 mm (see paragraphs [0051], [0052], [0054] and [0062]. With regards to the thickness limitation of the web  $T_m$  since no specific thickness is recited Itou et al would meet this limitation. Only a relative thickness in relation to the screen height is recited which does not distinguish from the prior art. With regards to claim 19, see paragraph [0033]. With regards to claim 23, see paragraph [0053]. With regards to claim 21, Taneichi et al discloses the web used as a disposable cleaning wiper (paragraph [0049]) and it is the examiners position that this inherently includes compositions (e.g. liquids and/or lotions) applied to the wipe. While the examiner does not believe an additional reference is needed for this rational the examiner does cite the applicant's specification, page 10, lines 18-28, as a teaching reference to the fact.

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 19, 20, 22 and 23 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Conclusion***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donald Loney whose telephone number is (571) 272-1493. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. 8AM-4PM, flex schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye can be reached on 571 272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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